



Update on Community Violence Prevention Initiatives

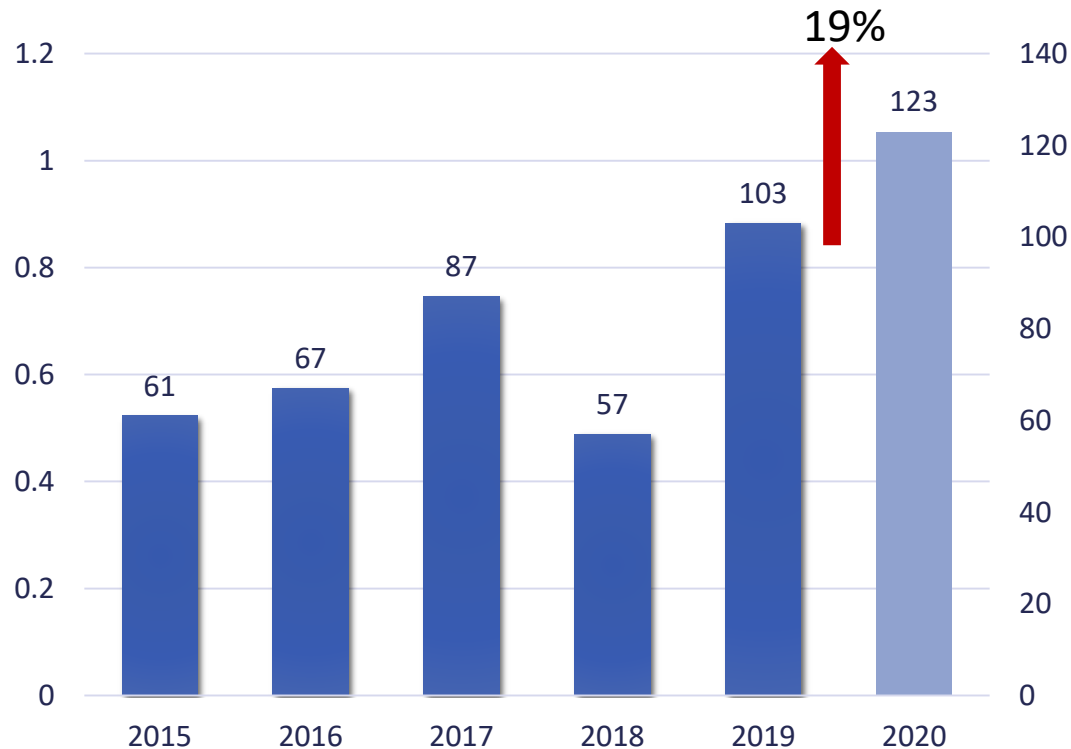
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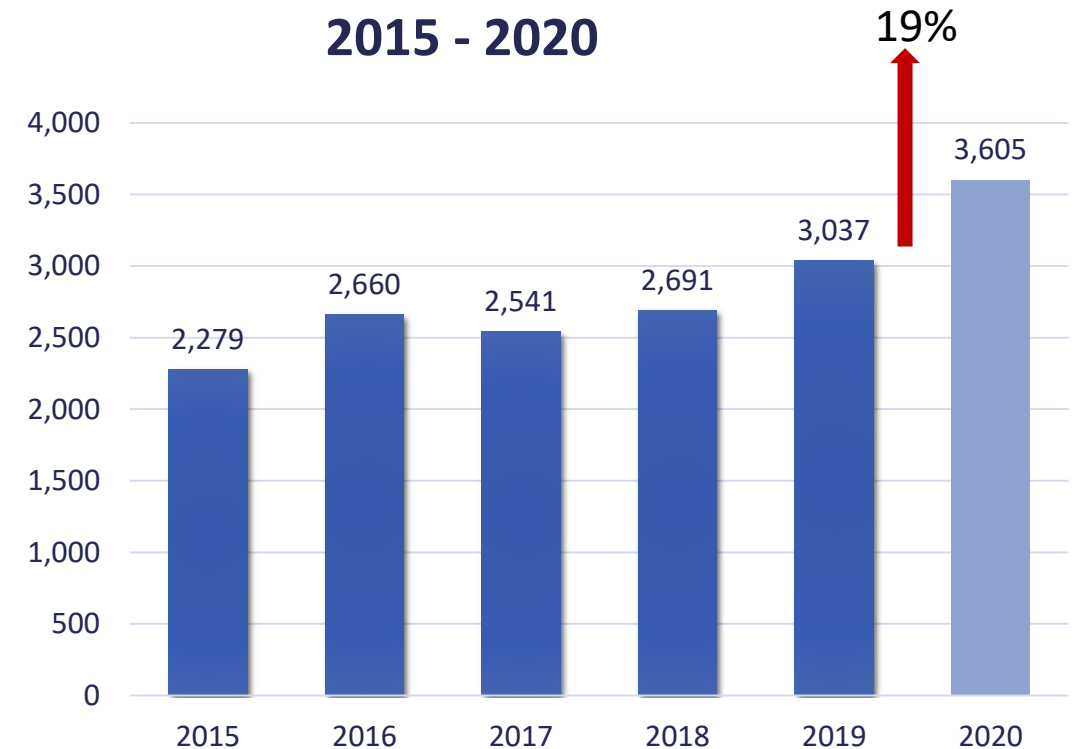
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Violence increased over the last several years in our community, including gun-related homicides and assaults which exceed last year's

**Homicides in Mecklenburg County
2015 - 2020**



**Gun-Related Assaults in
Mecklenburg County
2015 - 2020**



Approaching violence as a public health issue means identifying the root causes of this epidemic and using data, tools, and evidence-informed best practices to address those causes



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Define and monitor the problem

2

Identify risk and protective factors

3

Develop and test prevention strategies

4

Assure widespread adoption of **effective** prevention programs

Framework to Address Violence

County, City, Partners, and Community working together to *reduce violence, increase economic opportunity, and build healthier, more resilient communities.*

**Intergovernmental
Collaboration**

**Community
Engagement &
Mobility**

**Generate Data
and Evidence**

**Invest in
Community-Led
Prevention
Initiatives**

Interrupt Violence

POLICY

PRACTICE

PROGRAMS

MCPH Office of Violence Prevention

- Launched the Office of Violence Prevention to coordinate violence prevention initiatives for Mecklenburg County
 - Provide staff support and coordination for intergovernmental efforts
 - Lead development of a Comprehensive Violence Prevention Plan
 - Develop gun safety campaign in partnership with and support of existing law enforcement gun lock efforts
 - Community Outreach and Engagement
 - Implement and support violence prevention initiatives in partnership with other community stakeholders, including additional *investment in community-led initiatives*
 - Establish Youth Advisory Committee to advise on violence prevention and intervention efforts specifically focused on youth

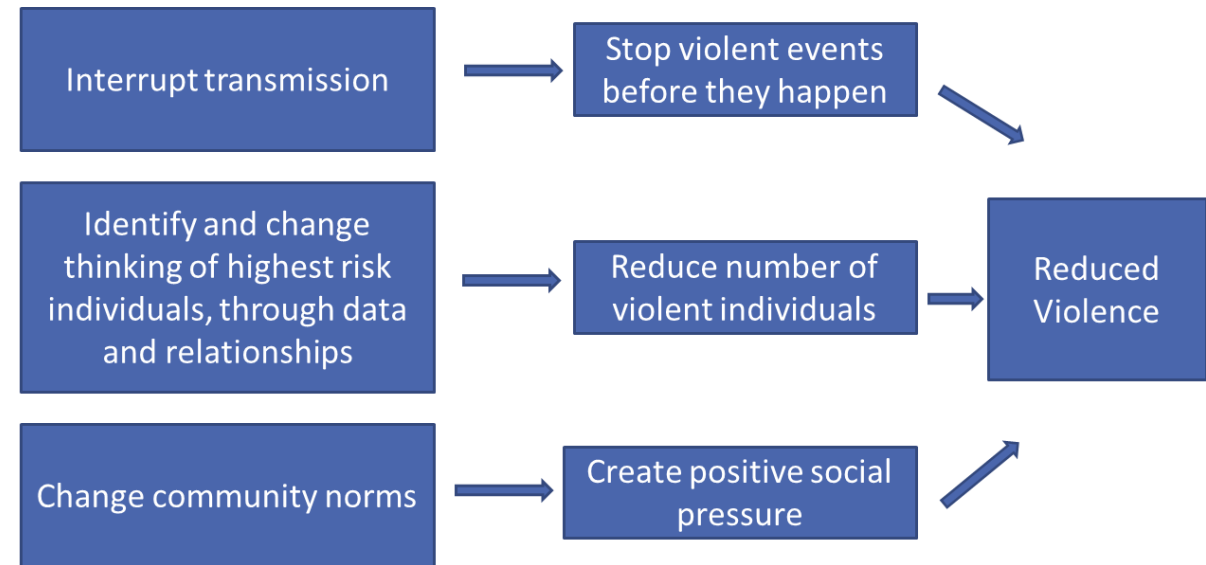
Violence Prevention Data Collaborative

- Enhancements to Community Violence Prevention Dashboard:
 - Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) 2019
 - Hospital Discharge Data
 - Community Development- Community Policing Calls (CD-CP)
 - Social Determinants of Health - Charlotte/Mecklenburg Quality of Life Explorer
- Provide guidance to evaluation of overall strategy and various initiatives

Violence Interruption Initiative

- In partnership with City of Charlotte completed assessment with Cure Violence Global
 - Pilot site in Beatties Ford Rd and LaSalle Street corridor
- Estimated \$500,000 shared investment in local community-based partner(s) to implement Cure Violence model

What is violence interruption?



Implementation Timeline

Activity	January	February	March	April	May
Contract with Cure Violence Global					
Engage Fiscal Agent					
RFP Process / Select Host Organization					
Train Host Org					
Hire Interrupters/Staff					
Launch Implementation					

Community Resilience

A 5-year federal grant that promotes trauma informed and resilience approaches and equity in service provision for youth and families in the priority health area. Activities planned for year 3 of the grant:

- Launch of ReCAST website: **vision.recastmeck.com**
- Train 420 additional service providers, first responders, public school educators, faith leaders, and community stakeholders in Resilience, Trauma Informed, and Compassionate Leadership approaches
- Increase the number of Faith Healing Hubs with Navigators supporting referrals and community resources for youth and families
- Recruit new cohort of organizations participating in a year-long Trauma Informed Learning Community
- Pilot youth-focused initiative



QUESTIONS?